

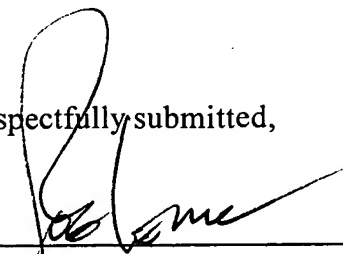
such as a roadway paint stripe remover. Applicant respectfully submits that the reasons offered by the Examiner are insufficient to support a conclusion of patentably distinctness between the restricted claims. The Examiner has provided no indication as to the feasibility of using the subcombination to remove paint from a roadway, nor has the Examiner provided any indication as to how this particular use would constitute a separate utility.

Accordingly, because the Office has not carried the burden of providing technologically sound reasons or examples for concluding that the claims of the restricted groups are patentably distinct, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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